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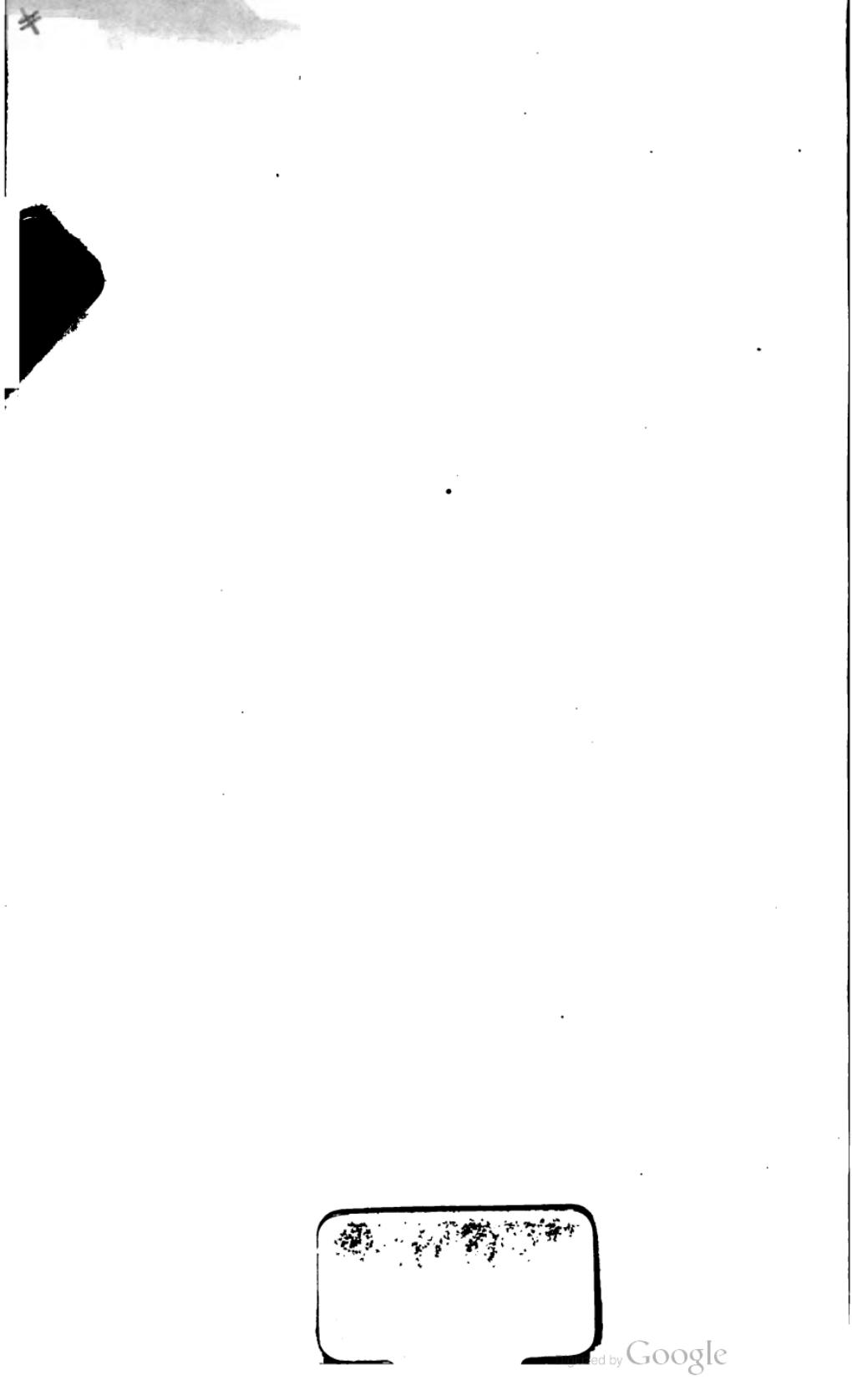
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THE
HISTORY
OF THE
BROTHERHOOD or GUIL
OF THE
HOLY GHOST,



IN THE
Chapel of the *Holy Ghost*
NEAR
BASINGSTOKE in *Hampshire*,
Dissolved by King EDWARD VI,
AND
Re-establish'd by K. Philip and Q. Mary,

Wherein is contain'd
The HISTORY and ANTIQUITIES of *Holy Ghost*
Chapel near *Basingstoke*, and an ENQUIRY into
the PATRONAGE of that Chapel. With an
ACCOUNT of another RELIGIOUS HOUSE
founded at the same Place by King Henry III.

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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE
P H I L I P
Lord HARDWICK, &c.
Lord High Chancellor
AND
LORD KEEPER of the GREAT SEAL;
One of His MAJESTY's most honourable Privy-Council, &c.

My LORD,

I Beg Leave to lay before your LORDSHIP these Papers, which contain an Account of a small Prefeitment in your LORDSHIP's Gift.

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As your LORDSHIP is to be Judge of the Merit of the Person who applies for a Nomination thereto, the Trust cannot be deposited in better Hands.

Your great Abilities, equal to the Importance of the Charge, assiduous Application to the Dispatch of Business, and strict Observance of Justice and Equity, in every Thing that is brought before your LORDSHIP, make it a national Happiness, that your LORDSHIP fills that honourable Post, in which you are, so deservedly and so beneficially to the Nation, placed.

BUT more particularly happy is it for the Church of *England*, that it has such a Patron to fill up a considerable Number of Vacancies therein. By carefully enquiring into the Characters

Characters of those who apply to your Lordship for Ecclesiastical Preferment, as you prevent unworthy Persons getting into those Benefices, in the Disposal of which your LORDSHIP is any way concerned, so likewise the Value of the Favours, you confer, is thereby enhanced ; it being a Credit, and a great Addition to a good Character, to have been preferred by so judicious and discerning a Patron as your LORDSHIP.

As the Affair which is the Subject of the following short History, was some Time ago before your Lordship, you are, *My LORD*, better acquainted with some Particulars relating thereto, than I can possibly be after the most diligent Enquiry ; if I have made any Mistake, or am guilty of any Error, I hope for

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Pardon from your Lordship's Can-
dour; and am,

My LORD,

Your LORDSHIP'S

Most obedient and

BASINGSTOKE, *Most humble Servant,*
1742.

SAMUEL LOGGON.

P R E F A C E.

AN Attempt to clear the Affair here treated of, from that Darkness and Uncertainty with which it has been covered over, if it deserves no Commendation, will, I hope, escape Censure. Something of this Kind seems to have been wanting and necessary : because all our Antiquaries, who have mentioned it, have either given a false or imperfect Account thereof ; which shews that they were Strangers to the true History of it.

An expensive Enquiry might have discovered some more Particulars relating to my Lord Sandes's Foundation ; but such Enquiry would have been but of little Use : because that Society having been regularly dissolved by Act of Parliament, and the Estate

Estate for many Years in the Hands of the Crown, the Brotherhood that bad their Majesties King Philip and Queen Mary for their Founders, (tbo they bad the same Estate granted to them, that the other enjoyed) was a Body as distinct from t' other, as if the Endowment of each had been different Estates. And all Statutes, Rules, or Orders made by Lord Sandes and the Bishop of Winchester, by Virtue of the Licence granted to them by King Henry VIII, were unobligatory to the Body constituted by the Charter of King Philip and Queen Mary.

I beg Leave to detain my Reader, while I give a short Account of the following Collection, who will possibly think some Parts of it deficient, others superfluous.

I. As I proposed only giving the History of the Fraternity of the Holy Ghost at Basingstoke in Hants, what is said of the Hospital, in the first Section, was unnecessary: But as

as the latter seems to have been sometimes taken for the former, inserting it was not quite foreign to my Purpose.

2. The Account of the Founder's Family will perhaps be thought to be too particular : which was there given in that manner, because not long since (as I have been told) some Descendents of the Founder thought themselves to have a Property in the Chapel built by Lord Sandes. But all Right and Property of that Family in the Chapel, and Estate belonging to it, was taken away by Stat. 1 Edw. VI. cap. 14.

3. Those Parts of Sir James Dean's and Sir James Lancaster's Will, printed in the Appendix, concerning the Divinity Lecture founded by those two Gentlemen at Basingstoke, as they have no Relation to Holy Ghost Chapel, would have been omitted, but that they are so interwoven with their Benefactions to Holy Ghost Chapel, that it was scarce practicable to separate them.

them. Some, who have never seen Sir James Lancaster's Will, have asserted, that his Exhibitions to Scholars in the Universities were given to Boys educated in the School kept in Holy Ghost Chapel. That Part of Sir James Lancaster's Will is printed in the Appendix, that such Persons may have an Opportunity to undeceive themselves.

Lastly, It may be objected that the Account of the Petition to his present Majesty is too short: but as no Alteration hath thereby been made, and Things still remaining as they were before, a more particular Account was not needful.

What I have here said may, I believe, be depended on, as I have inserted nothing but what I thought I had proper Authority for. This History might have been swelled with traditional Accounts, but as the Truth of them might be doubted of, no Notice is therefore taken of them.

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ADDENDA & CORRIGENDA.

*P*Rerogative-Office, London. Sir James Dean's Will was proved June 13; 1608. Upon a careful Perusal of Sir J. D's Will in this Office, I don't find that the printed Extract any where differs from it, except in the Manner of spelling some Words, as *Times* for *Tymes*, *been* for *bin*, &c. And in pag. 35. l. 25. read *Masters*. In Sir J. L's Will, pag. 38. l. 10. from the Bottom read *Wardens*, *Lecturer* and the *Bailiffs*. In pag. 40. l. 4. from the Bottom, read *which shall study*. In pag. 41. l. 14. read *Discretions*. The Words that are printed in *old English Characters*, and were supposed to be wanting, are in the Wills.

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In pag. 10. l. 2. from the Bottom, read *made into*.
Pag. 11. l. 3. from the Bottom, for *Conveyance*, read
Conveyance. In the Margin of Pag. 13. for 1546 read
1547. Pag. 27. l. 21. for *præsentes*, read *præsentes*.
Pag. 30. l. 18. for *pertinentiis*, read *pertinentiis*.

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THE Brotherhood or Guild of the *Holy Ghost*, and the Chapel dedicated to the *Holy Ghost*, near the Town of *Basingstoke*, in the County of *Southampton*, and Diocese of *Winchester*, are not so ancient, as they are commonly

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commonly supposed to be. The Tradition, that seven *Saxon* Kings have been at worship in this Chapel at one Time, is without Foundation. And the traditional Accounts likewise of Pilgrimages made to this Place are equally ill grounded : The Chapel of the *Holy Ghost* near *Basingstoke* having been built so late as the Reign of King *Henry VIII.* viz. the Reign wherein the Reformation began.

WINCHESTER had *Bishops* in the Time of the *Saxon Heptarchy*; and as the Site of *Holy Ghost* Chapel has been an ancient Burying-Place, 'tis not impossible, but that there might have been a Place of publick Worship there, before the building of that Chapel. But I have met with no Account of any such Thing.

THERE was indeed a Religious House at *Basingstoke*, of much greater Antiquity than *Holy Ghost* Chapel. This House was founded by King *Henry III.*, some Time before the Year 1268. It was call'd an Hospital for the Maintenance of the Ministers of the Altar of *Christ*, and was built and endowed for the Support of Clerks who were grown weak and infirm; and consequently past discharging the Offices of their Function. The great Number of Persons then in *Holy Orders*, made Provisions of this Kind; at that Time, necessary. The Members of this House were call'd Brethren of the Hospital; over whom a single Person presided as their Head or Governor. They had a Chantry or Chapel wherein divine Service was celebrated, which was exempt from Episcopal Jurisdiction. The following Inhibition of the Royal Founder to the Official of *Winton*, relating to the Affair last mentioned, will give some Satisfaction to the Curious.

*R E X Magistro N. de.Rotland, Officiali Winton' Salutem. Cum ex Privilegio Regibus Angliae,
Præde-*

Prædecessoribus nostris, & Nobis in ipsis a primâ Institutione Christianæ Religionis concessò, liberæ semper Cantariæ in singulis Domibus & nostræ Foundationis & maximè in propriis Dominicis nostris bætenus habitæ sunt & obtentæ: Ac Nos in Hospitali nostro de Basingstoke, quod in proprio Dominico nostro ad Sustentationem Ministrorum Altaris Christi ad Imbecilitatem vergentium fundavimus, Auctoritate nibilominus venerabilis Patris O. S. Adriani Diaconi Cardinalis, Apostolicæ Sedis Legati, interveniente, divina, prout convenit, fecerimus & mandavimus celebrari; dilectionem vestram rogamus, ne Custodibus vel Fratribus Hospitalis prædicti, super eorum Cantariâ prædictâ, Molestiam aut Impedimentum inferatis vel procuretis inferri. Vobis insuper prohibemus, ne sicut Honorem nostrum & Coronæ nostræ & nostræ conservare tenemini, ipsos contra Privilegium nostrum prædictum in placitum inde trabere præsumatis.

*T. Rege apud Wodestoke viii die Julii. Claus.
52 Hen. III,*

THIS Hospital stood on the North Side of the River, a little below *Basingstoke* Town-Bridge. Some Remains of the Building are still to be seen, which now make a Part of the House inhabited by *E. Dod*. The Site at present belongs to *Merton-College* in *Oxford*: And without doubt the Estate of that College at *Basingstoke* was formerly the Endowment of this Hospital.

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of the Holy Ghost, and building of Holy
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the present Time.*

HOW great the Number of Chantries and Free-Chapels was before the Reformation, and for what Uses they were built and endow'd, is well known to those, who are acquainted with the History of Ecclesiastical Affairs before that Period.

SIR William Sandes, Knight*, (Chamberlain to

* " Sir William Sandes
" was descended of an an-
" cient Family of that
" Name in the County of
" Southampton, of which
" Sir John Sandes, Knt.
" was Sheriff, and Gover-
" nor of Winchester-Castle.
" He was for his own emi-
" nent Services against the
" French and Cornish Men,
" who rebelled, advanced
" 15 Henry VIII. to the
" Degree of a Baron, by
" the Title of Lord Sandes.
" His Estate was much in-
" creased by his Marriage
" with Margery Bray the
" only Child of John Bray,
" Brother and Heir to Re-
" ginald Bray, by whom
" he had one Son and
" four Daughters. The
" Son was his Heir, and
" named
" Thomas, who, after
" his Death, was Lord
" Sandes. He married E-
" lizabeth the Daughter of
" George Maners, Lord
" Roos, by whom he had
" two Sons, Henry and
" Walter : His eldest Son
" Henry married Eliza-
" beth, Sister of Edward,
" Lord Windsor, and had
" by her two Sons, Wil-
" liam and Thomas. He
" died before his Father,
" and so his Son
" William succeeded his
" Grandfather. He was
" one of the Peers at the
" Trials of Thomas Duke
" of Norfolk, and the
" Queen of Scots. He
" had

to King Henry VIII, and one of his Privy Council, by whom he was made Lord Sandes) and the Right Reverend Richard + Lord Bishop of Winchester,

" had only one Son and
" Heir

" William Lord Sandes,
" who married Alethea,
" Daughter and Coheir of
" John Panton, of Brin-
" neskid in Denbighshire,
" Esq; but had no Chil-
" dren by her; where-
" upon his Half-Sister's
" Son, by Sir Edwya
" Sandes, Knt. was his
" Heir, both of his Ho-
" nour and Estate. His
" Name was

" William, and was sum-
" moned to Parliament by
" the Name of Lord Sandes
" at the Restoration. He
" married Mary the young-
" est Daughter of William
" Earl of Salisbury, but
" had no Issue; where-
" upon his Brother

" Henry became Lord
" Sandys. He was alive
" 1681, but leaving no
" Heirs his Honour be-
" came extinct. The Seat
" call'd *The Vine* not far
" from the Town of Ba-
" singstoke did belong to
" this Family." *Britan.*
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+ Richard Lord Bishop
of Winchester, (i. e.) Ri-

chard Fox, LL. D. " He
" was very instrumental
" in raising King Hen-
" ry VII. to the Throne,
" and was afterwards em-
" ployed by that Prince in
" the highest Offices of the
" Kingdom, being made
" by him Keeper of the
" Privy-Seal, chief Se-
" cretary of State, a Privy
" Councillor, a Plenipo-
" tentiary to make a Peace
" with Scotland, and last
" of all, Bishop of Exeter,
" Bath and Wells, and
" Durban, and at length
" settled at Winchester."

Altho' probably he did not contribute any thing towards the Chapel of the *Holy Ghost* at Basingstoke, (my Lord Sandes always having had the Credit both of building and endowing it) yet was he a Person remarkable for Generosity and Acts of Charity. " He coyer'd
" the Choir, Presbytery,
" and Isles of his Cathe-
" dral, with a fair Vault
" of Stone, on which
" his Arms are cut in se-
" veral Places, and new-
" glaz'd the Windows.
" He built *Corpus Christi*
" College in Oxford, and
" endowed

chester, in the former Part of the Reign of Henry VIII, obtain'd the King's Licence to found a Free-Chapel at *Basingstoke* in *Hampshire*, and therein to erect and establish a Guild; who, in pursuance of the Power to them given by his Majesty's Licence, built a Chapel near the Town of *Basingstoke*, and dedicated it to the *Holy Ghost*. And establish'd therein a Guild, by the Name of *The Brotherhood or Guild of the HOLY GHOST*, which was by a perpetual Succession to continue for ever. To the Brotherhood or Guild an Estate was given to maintain a Priest to perform divine Offices in the Chapel, and therein likewise to instruct Youth in Literature.

THIS Foundation, tho' intended to be perpetual, was yet but of short continuance: For the lesser Monasteries and Religious Houses having been dissolved by *Stat. 27 Hen. VIII. cap. 28*, and the Crown in possession of the Estates and Revenues of most of the greater Monasteries by virtue of *Stat. 31 Hen. VIII. cap. 13*, those who had founded Chantries, Free-Chapels, &c. expecting that these would soon undergo the same Fate, began to enter upon, and to take Possession of the Estates given to them: And others, who had no such Title, got into their Hands Estates given to Religious Uses, by Grants and Conveyances made by those that were in possession. This occasioned a Bill to be brought into Parliament, which passed into a Law, and is to the following Effect:

“ endowed it with an E-
“ state for the Maintenance
“ of a President, twenty-
“ nine Fellows, ten Scho-
“ lars, and other Officers,
“ as also two Schools for
“ the Education of Chil-

“ dren at *Taunton* and
“ *Grantham*. He died An-
“ no 1528, and was buried
“ in the Cathedral at *Win-*
“ *chester*, in the Chapel
“ erected for that End.”

Brit. Antiq. & Nov.

Stat.

Stat. 37 Hen. VIII. cap. 4. A Bill for Colledges, Chauntries, &c. In their most bumble wise shewn unto your Royal Majesty your loving Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, that where there have been divers Colledges, Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, Fraternities, Brotherhoods, Guilds, and stipendary Priests, having Perpetuity for ever within this your Realm of ENGLAND, WALES, and the Marches of the same; of which, some of them by the Licence of your gracious Higbness, or of your noble Progenitors, and some of them by Feofments and Wills therupon declared, and some of them by other Devises, Conveyance and Assurance, have been incorporated, established, founded, erected, had or made by divers Names, Sur-Names, Degrees, and Corporations, to have had a perpetual Continuance for ever: Sitbence whicb Time divers and many of the Donors, Founders, or Patrons, or such as pretend to be Donors, Founder's, or Patrons of the same Colledges, Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, Fraternities, Brotherhoods, Guilds, and stipendary Priests, and divers other of their avaricious and covetous Minds, and of their own Authority, without your gracious Licence, have of late enter'd into the Mansion-houses, Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, to the same Colledges, Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, Fraternities, Brotherhoods, Guilds, and stipendary Priests belonging and appertaining, and have expulsed the Priests, Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Rulers, Governours, and Incumbents of the same, out and from the Possession thereof, and they, their Heirs, and Assigns, do occupy and enjoy the said Mansion-houses, Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and do receive, take and employ, and convert the Rents, Issues, Revenues, and Profits of the same to their own proper Uses: And some of the said Priests, Wardens, Masters,

Masters, Ministers, Rulers, Governours and Incumbents of the Premisses, by Covin between them and the Patrons, Donors, or Founders of the same, or of such as pretend to be Patrons, Donors, or Founders of the same, or other, have also of their own Authority, without your Grace's Licence, bargain'd and sold all, or Part of their Manors, Lands, and Tenements annexed, united, pertaining or belonging to their said Colledges, Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, and other the said Promotions: And some of the said Priests, Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Rulers, Governours, and Incumbents, by the Assent and Consent of their Patrons, Donors, Founders, or such other as have bad Interest in the same: And some of the said Priests, Rulers, Governours and Incumbents, of their own Authority, without the Assent of their Patrons, Donors, or Founders, or of such other as have bad Interest in the same, have now of late made Leases for Term of Life or Lives, or for Term of Years of their said Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, Fraternities, Brotherhoods, Guilds, or other the said Promotions, or of the Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other the Premisses, or of Part thereof, and have not reserved the customable Rent and Farm, that the same hath been used to be lettest for: And some of them by Covin have suffered Recoveries, levied Fines, and made Feoffments, and other Conveyances of all or part of their said Possessions, by reason whereof divers of the said Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, and other Promotions above-said, have been clearly dissolved, extinct, or determined, contrary to the Wills, Minds, Intents and Purposes of the Founders, Donors, or Patrons of the same, and to the great Contempt of your Majesty, and your Authority Royal.

2. Be it enacted by the King our Sovereign Lord, with the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal; and

and of the Commons, &c. That all and singular the said Colledges, Free-Chappels, Chantries, Hospitals, Fraternities, Brotherhoods, Guilds, and other the said Promotions had, or made to have Continuance in perpetuity for ever, and being, or that hath or ought to be contributary or chargeable to the Payment of the First-Fruits and Tenths, according to the Laws and Statutes in that Behalf had and made, by what Name, Surname, Degree, or Corporation they or any of them were founded, ordain'd, establish'd, erected, named, call'd, or known, and all and singular the Mansion-houses, Manors, Orchards, Gardens, Lands, Tenements, Pastures, Woods, Waters, Rents, Reversions, Services, Commons, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, Churches, Chappels, Advowsons, Nominations, Patronages, Annuities, &c. and other Hereditaments whatsoever they be, appertaining or belonging, or that did appertain or belong, or were assigned or appointed to any such Colledge, Free-Chappel, Chantry, Hospital, Fraternity, Brotherhood, Guild, Stipendiary Priest, or other the said Promotions, or to any of them, or accepted, known, or taken as Part, Parcel, or Number of them, or of any of them, and to the said Colledges, Chantries, Free-Chappels, Hospitals, Fraternity, Brotherhood, &c. or to any of them united or annexed, which between the fourth Day of February in the twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of our said Sovereign Lord the King, and the twenty-fifth Day of December in the thirty-seventh Year of the said King's Reign, by reason of any such Entry, Expulsion, Bargain, Sale, Feoffment, Fine, Recovery, Lease, or other Conveyance thereof had or made, been dissolved, determined, relinquished, or extinguished by any of the Ways, Means, or Conveyances aforesaid, or otherwise, other than such of them as now be, or were in the Possession of our said Sovereign Lord the King, or that have been granted or assured by his Highness Licence,

Agreement, Consent, or Letters Patents, to any other Person or Persons, or have been lawfully obtain'd, or recovered by any Person, by any former Right or Title, without Fraud or Covin, or by the King's Licence, shall from henceforth (by Authority of this Act) be adjudged and deemed, and also be in the very actual and real Possession and Seisin of the King our Sovereign Lord, and of his Heirs and Successors for ever, in as large and ample Manner as the said Priests, Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Governors, Rulers, or other Incumbents, or any of them, or the Patrons, Donors, or Founders of them, or of any of them, at any Time since the said fourth Day of February in the twenty-seventh Year aforesaid, had, occupied or enjoyed, or now bathe, occupietb or enjoyeth the same, and as tho' all and singular the said Colledges, Chantries, Hospitals, Free-Chappels, Fraternities, Brotherhoods, Guilds, and other the said Promotions, and the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other the Premisses, whatsoever they be, and every of them, were in this present Act specially, particularly and certainly rebearsed, named and expressed by express Words, Names, Surnames, Corporations, Title, and Faculties, and in their Natures, Kinds, and Qualities, the said Entries, Expulsions, Bargains, Sales, Fines, Feoffments, Recoveries, or other Assurance and Conveyance whatsoever they be, had or made (except before excepted) to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE Fraternity or Guild of the *Holy Ghost*, within the Chapel of the *Holy Ghost*, near Basing-stoke in Hants, escaped Dissolution at this Time; tho' it seems to have been within the Meaning of this Act (for if it was omitted in the original or first Certificate of Benefices and spiritual Promotions made in the Exchequer by the Commissioners; yet by 32 Hen. VIII. cap. 22. it was liable to be charged

ged to the Payment of First-Fruits and Tenth^s) except only, that it does not appear, that any Entry had been made upon the Estate by the Founder or any other Person. Yet by this Act the King might, during his natural Life, grant his Commission to such Persons, as he thought fit, to enter into any Chantries, Free-Chapels, &c. and seize their Estates, and take them to his own Use.

BUT King Hen. VIII. did not live long after the making of this Statute, it being made in the last Year of his Reign. And, in the first Year of the Reign of his Successor King Edw. VI, an Act was made, whereby free Chapels, and Chantries, &c. of all Sorts, and the Estates belonging to them, were given to the King.

STAT. I Edw. VI. cap. 14. sect. 2. It is now ordained and enacted by the King our Sovereign Lord, with the Assent of the Lords and Commons, &c. That all manner of Colledges, Free-Chappels, and Chantries, having being, or in esse, within five Years next before the first Day of this present Parliament, (which were not in actual and real Possession of the late King, nor in the actual and real Possession of the King our Sovereign Lord that now is, nor excepted in the said former Act [viz. Stat. 37 Hen. VIII. cap. 4.] other than such as by the King's Commissions in form hereafter mentioned, shall be altered, transposed or changed) and all Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, and other Hereditaments and Things abovementioned, belonging to them or any of them: And also all Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, and other Hereditaments and Things abovementioned, by any Manner of Assurance, Conveyance, Will, Devise, or otherwise had, made, suffered, knowledged or declared, given, assigned, limited or appointed, to the

finding of any Priest, to have Continuance for ever, and wherewith, or whereby any Priest was sustain'd, maintain'd or found, within five Years next before the first Day of this present Parliament (which were not in the actual and real Possession of the late King, nor in the actual and real Possession of our Sovereign Lord the King that now is) and also all annual Rents, Profits, and Emoluments, at any Time within five Years next before the beginning of this present Parliament, employ'd, paid, or bestow'd, toward or for the Maintenance, Supportation, or finding of any Pippendary Priest, intended by any Act or Writing to have Continuance for ever, shall by the Authority of this present Parliament, immediately after the Feast of EASTER next coming, be adjudged and deemed, and also be in the very actual or real Possession and Seisin of the King our Sovereign Lord, and his Heirs and Successors for ever, without any Office or other Inquisition thereof to be had or found, and in as large and ample Manner and Form as the Priests, Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Governors, Rulers, or other Incumbents of them, or any of them, at any Time within the five Years next before the Beginning of the present Parliament, had, occupied, or enjoyed, or now hath, occupietb, or enjoyetb the same, and as tho' all and singular the said Colledges, Free-Chapels, Chantries, Stipends, Salaries of Priests, and the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and other the Premisses whatsoever they be, and every of them, were in this present Act specially, particularly, and certainly rebearsed, named, and expressed by express Words, Names, Surnames, Corporations, Titles and Faculties, and in their Natures, Kinds, and Qualities.

9. AND furthermore be it ordain'd and enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the King our Sovereign Lord, shall from the said Feast of EASTER next coming, have and enjoy to him, his Heirs and Successors

coffors for ever, all Fraternities, Brotherhoods and Guilds, being within the Realm of ENGLAND and WALES, and other the King's Dominions: And all Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, belonging to them or any of them (other then Corporations, Guilds, Fraternities, Companies and Fellowships of Mysteries or Crafts, and the Manors, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments pertaining to the said Corporations, &c.) and shall by Virtue of this Act be judged and deemed in the actual and real Possession of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, from the said Feast of EASTER next coming, for ever, without any Inquisition or Office thereof to be had or found.

34. PROVIDED always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this present Act, nor any Thing therein contain'd, shall in any wise extend or be prejudicial or hurtful to the general Corporation of any City, Borough or Town within this Realm, or any other the King's Dominions, ne shall extend to any the Lands, or Hereditaments of them or any of them; any thing therein contain'd to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

By this Act, the Brotherhood or Guild, call'd the Brotherhood of the *Holy Gbost*, within the Chapel dedicated to the *Holy Gbost*, near *Basingstoke* in Hants, founded by Bishop *Fox*^{1546.} and Lord *Sandes* was dissolved; and the Estate belonging to it taken to the King's Use, which King *Edward VI* possessed until the End of his Reign; when with the Crown it came into the Hands of Queen *Mary*, and continued to be Crown Lands during the former Part of that Reign. But upon a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of *Basingstoke* to their Majesties King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, and at the Request and Intercession of Cardinal *Poole*,^{1556.} Legate

Legate de *Latere* of Pope *Julius III.*, and Archbishop of *Canterbury*, their Majesties, by Letters Patents of the third and fourth Year of their Reign, establish'd again a *Brotherhood or Guild* to the Praise and Honour of the *Holy Ghost*, which was to continue for ever, and be called the *Brotherhood* of the *Holy Ghost* within the Chapel of the *Holy Ghost*, near the Town of *Basingstoke*, in the County of *Southampton*. By the same Letters Patents, a Body corporate and politick is constituted by the Name of the Alderman, Wardens, and Brethren, and Sisters of the Fraternity or Guild of the *Holy Ghost*, within the Chapel of the *Holy Ghost* near *Basingstoke* in *Hants*, to continue for ever by a perpetual Succession. The Alderman and two Wardens were annual Officers, chosen every Year out of the *Brotherhood*, and were removeable at Pleasure. This Body corporate consisted of an uncertain and indeterminate Number of Members, and that of either Men or Women: For Women, as well as Men, were capable of being of this Society: And the Alderman and Wardens of the Fraternity for the Time being, had Power to admit as many Persons of either Sex, as were willing, and they approved of, into their Community. The Business of the Fraternity was to be transacted under a Common Seal, which they are authorized to keep and use: And the Alderman and Wardens of the Brotherhood, for the Time being, are declared capable in Law to hold Lands, &c. and to sue and be sued in any Court of Law: Who, together with the Brethren of the Fraternity, might hold Meetings, and make, according to their Discretion, such Rules and Statutes, (consistent with the Laws of *England*) as were necessary for the better ordering and Government of their Fraternity or Guild, and of the Brethren and Sisters thereof, and their Successors.

To

To this Guild of the *Holy Ghost*, their Majesties granted an Estate in Lands and Houses, (viz. the same that did belong to the former Guild of that Name at *Basingstoke*) for the Maintenance of a Priest for the Celebration of divine Service in *Holy Ghost* Chapel, and for the Instruction and Institution of the young Men and Boys of the Town. The Grant runs thus :

" *KNOW ye, that, of our ample Grace, and of our certain Knowledge and mere Motion, We have given and granted, and do, by these Presents, for Us and our Heirs and Successors, grant to the Alderman and Wardens of the Brotherhood or Guild of the Holy Ghost, &c. all that our Messuage or Tenement and Farm call'd Frymles, otherwise call'd The Hollie Gosse Ferme, and one Yard of ours belonging to the same Messuage, with their Appurtenances, situate, lying, and being in Motstrete in Basingstoke in our County of Southampton, now or lately [that is in the third and fourth Year of King Philip and Queen Mary] in the Tenure or Occupation of William Goodyer, and to the late Fraternity call'd The Brotherhed of the Hollie Gosse near the Town of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton, some Time ago belonging and appertaining, and being Parcel of the Possessions thereof. And also all that our Horse-Mill, and one Yard of ours thereto belonging, with the Appurtenances, situate, lying, and being in Motstrete aforesaid, in Basingstoke aforesaid, now or lately in the Tenure or Occupation of the said William Goodyer, and to the said late Fraternity belonging and appertaining. And all that Messuage or Tenement of ours called Harriards, and one Garden or Yard of ours, with the Appurtenances, now or lately in the Tenure or Occupation of William Hannyneton,*
 " *situate*

" situate, lying, and being in Northbroke Strete
 " in Basingstoke aforesaid, and to the said late Fra-
 " ternity some Time ago belonging and appertaining.
 " And also all those our three Acres of Arable Land,
 " with the Appurtenances lying in the common Field of
 " Basingstoke call'd Northfield, now or lately in
 " the Tenure or Occupation of John Butler, and to
 " the said late Fraternity some Time ago belonging
 " and appertaining. And also one Messuage or Te-
 " nement of ours call'd Spicers, and one Garden of
 " ours, with the Appurtenances, lying in the Street
 " call'd The Hollie Golle Streete, otherwise call'd
 " Whitewaye, in the Town of Basingstoke afore-
 " said, now or lately in the Tenure or Occupation of
 " Simon White, and to the said Fraternity former-
 " ly belonging and appertaining. And all that our
 " Barn call'd The Hollie Golle Barne in Basing-
 " stoke aforesaid, and one hundred Acres of Ara-
 " ble Land of ours lying in the Common Fields of the
 " said Town of Basingstoke; and one small Close of
 " Land and Pasture of ours, containing by Estima-
 " tion two Acres in Basingstoke aforesaid, with all
 " and singular their Appurtenances, now or lately in
 " the Tenure or Occupation of Richard Marsam, and
 " to the said late Fraternity some Time belonging and
 " appertaining. And the Reversion, and Reversions
 " whatsoever, of all and singular the Premisses a-
 " bove, by these Presents, granted, and of every
 " Part and Parcel thereof, &c. &c.

THIS Estate, granted to the Guild of the Holy
 Ghost near Basingstoke, being given for the Main-
 tenance of a Priest, pro Divinarum celebratione, &
 pro Instructione & Institutione Juvenum & Puer-
 rum; 'twas looked upon as not given to supersti-
 tious Uses; and therefore remain'd untouch'd in
 the following Reigns. But in the Time of the
 late Civil War (when other Church-Lands were
 feiz'd

seiz'd upon) this Estate was again alienated; and the Chapel and School shut up for many Years: 'Till in the Year 1670.* by the Care of the Right Reverend *George Morley*, D. D. Bishop of *Winchester*, the Estate was restored to it again.

If by *Frymles* or *Holy Ghost Farm*, in the first Article of the Grant, something is meant different from what is given in the following Articles, the Endowment was large: But perhaps those Words may be intended only as a general Description of what is, more particularly, described in the following Articles. However it is certain, that one hundred and five Acres of Land were granted by the Crown, beside the two Houses and Gardens in *Basingstoke*, one in *Northbrook-Street*, the other in *Chapel-Street*, and the Barn and Horse-Mill in *Wote-Street*.

THERE are now Lands in the Parish of *Basingstoke* (tho' the Guild has long been extinct) which are acknowledged to be the Estate of *Holy Ghost Chapel*; but whether so great a Quantity of Land as one hundred and five Acres can, at this Time, be found, I cannot say. The Messuage or Tenement call'd *Harriard's* in *Northbrook-Street* does still belong to the Chapel; but is in so ruinous a Condition, that it cannot stand long before it must be rebuilt. The Messuage or Tenement call'd *Spicer's*, in *Chapel-Street*, or *The White Way*, is the House wherein the Minister of the Chapel (as I have been told) hath formerly lived. The House, with the Offices, is near sixty Feet in Front: But it is so far out of Repair, that it is untenantable; one Part of the House is indeed inhabited by a poor Man with his Family, but the other is made use of by a Malster, to keep Wood in. The Barn and Horse-Mill in *Wote-Street* are

* *Vid. APPENDIX, Numb. II.*

in a like bad Condition. Hence it appears, how necessary it is for Patrons not to permit Intruders to enjoy any of their Benefices, even of the small-est Value ; it being for their Interest to let Things go to Ruin, and to diminish the Profits, that it may not be worth while to give them any Distur-bance.

THE Chapel built by my Lord *Sandes*, and de-dicated to the *Holy Ghost*, (whether most to be admired for the Beauty of the Structure, or the Pleasantness of its Situation, 'tis not easy to deter-mine) was situated on a Hill near the Town of *Basingstoke* in *Hants*. The Outside of it was of Free-Stone curiously ornamented ; neither was the Inside less beautiful. " Upon the Roof of it (as we are told by Mr. *Camden*) the History of the Prophets, Apostles, and Disciples of *Christ*, was very artificially described." Mr. *Camden's* own Words are more full than the Translation : " *Sacellum per pulchrum . . . Spiritui Sancto* " *sacratum. In cujus laquearibus Historia sacra* " *cum Prophetarum, Apostolorum, & Discipulorum* " *Christi iconibus præcellenti artificio depicta specta-* " *tur.*

THIS Chapel (through neglect of the Repairs*) is now in Ruins. Part of the Eastern and South Wall only remains standing, and an Hexagonal Turret to the South-West, almost entire, which was formerly a Stair-Case. My Lord *Sandes*, the Founder, is said † to have been buried in this Chapel ; if there was ever any Monument erected

* It is said, that this Chapel was stripp'd of its Covering of Lead, in the late Civil-War, to make Ball for the Use of the Besiege-
ers of *Basing-House*, which stood in the Neighbourhood of this Chapel. Others say, that the Chapel was tiled, and that they can remember when it was so.

† *Camden's Brit.*

(as probably there was) it is now buried in the Rubbish.

WESTWARD of, and adjoining to the Ruins of the Chapel stands a Building, (tho' in but indifferent Repair) consisting of one large regular Room about forty Feet in Length, and twenty-four in Breadth. This is the only Chapel and School-Room, that of late Years has been made use of. Since its first Endowment *Holy Ghost* Chapel has had several Benefactors, the most considerable of whom were Sir *James Deane*, Knt. and Sir *James Lancaster*, Knt. See their Benefactions in the APPENDIX.

S E C T. III.

Of the Patronage of the Chapel of the Holy Ghost, near Basingstoke in Hampshire.

IT may be made a Question, whether the Patronage, or Right of nominating the Presbyter to perform Divine Service, &c. in *Holy Ghost* Chapel near *Basingstoke*, did not belong to the Crown, even when the Brotherhood or Guild of the *Holy Ghost* existed: There being no express Words in the Charter, or Letters Patents, granted *Anno 3 & 4 Phil. & Mar.* whereby a Right of Nomination is convey'd to them; except such Power is given them by these Words: *Ex Intentione [dedimus & concessimus] quod, cum Reventionibus eorundem Messuagiorum, Terrarum & Possessionum, & cæterorum Præmissorum, Aldermannus & Gardiani dictæ Fraternitatis, pro tempore existentes, imperpetuum invenient unum idoneum Presbiterum, tam pro Divinarum Celebratione in Capella prædicta, quam pro Instructione & Institutione Juve-*

num & Puerorum Ville prædictæ. “ We have given and granted them with that Intent, that, with the Rents and Issues of the same Mes- suages, Lands, and Possessions, and other the Premisses, the Alderman, and Wardens of the Fraternity of the *Holy Ghost* for the Time being, shall for ever find [i. e. maintain] a fitting Priest, as well for the Celebration of Divine-Service in the Chapel of the *Holy Ghost*, as for the Instruction and Institution of Young-men and Boys, &c.” These Words seem rather to imply and direct, that the Produce of the Estate should be apply’d towards the Maintenance and Support of the Priest, than to relate to the Nomination of him. Which Sense of the Words is confirm’d by the *Proviso* that follows :

PROVISO semper, quod omnes Reventiones & Possessiones prædictæ Fraternitatis sive Gildæ non exponantur, nec expendantur ad aliquos alias usus seu Intentiones, sed ad inveniendum Presbyterum modo & formâ supradictis.

“ PROVIDED always, that the whole of the Revenues and Possessions of the Fraternity or Guild aforesaid, may not be employed or expended to any other Uses or Purposes, but to the finding [that is, *maintaining**] a Priest in Manner and Form above-said.

But however as the Officers of the Guild did let the Estate, and received the Rents for the Use of their Chaplain, so it is not unlikely, but that they might appoint him, when a Vacancy happened. But when this Guild was extinct†, the

* In the Statute 1 *Edu.* VI. cap. 14, whereby Fraternities, Brotherhoods, and Guilds were dissolved, *Find* and *Maintain* are used as sy-

nonymous Words, for the Founders were for the most part Patrons.

† It is not easy to ascertain the Time when the

Crown took the Patronage of the Chapel into its own Hands, and (the Value in the King's Books being *nil*) it was presented to, by the Lord Chancellor, or Lord-Keeper of the Great Seal; for it appears by the Books of the Lord Chancellor, or Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, that

" THE Office or Place of Minister or Chaplain,
 " as well for Celebration of Divine Service, as
 " for the Instruction, Education, and Instituting
 " Young-men and Boys in the Chapel of the *Holy*
Ghost, near the Town of *Basingstoke*, in the
 " County of *Southampton*, was granted by Letters
 " Patents, bearing Date the first Day of *February*,
 " An. 15 *Car.* unto *Edward Webb*, Clerk, Master
 " of Arts, to hold the said Office, &c. during his
 " natural Life, with all and singular Messuages,
 " Tenements, &c. thereto belonging, &c. &c.

By the Lord Keeper, &c.

Witnessed at *Westminster*.

Fraternity of the *Holy Ghost* ceased to exist: As they were accountable for the whole Produce of the Estate, and nothing allowed to defray the Expence of their Meetings, they neglected to chuse annual Officers and new Members, and so the Guild was gradually extinct. It is however certain, that there is no such Body corporate now in being, neither has there been for many Years.

IT is conjectured (and not unreasonably) that, as the Persons whereof the Guild consisted in the Reign of Queen *Mary* were Pa-

pists, there were no new Members admitted after her Death: For the Fraternity seems to have been extinct before the End of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, or at farthest in the Beginning of the Reign of King *James I.* Because Sir *James Deane* would scarcely, by his Will in the Year 1607, have pretended to give the Patronage of *Holy Ghost* Chapel to Trustees of his own Appointment, if there had been, then in being, a Body Corporate, whereunto it did belong. *Vide Appendix.*

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SOME Time after this, the Estate was alienated, and the Chapel and School shut up for many Years, as is above related. After the Restitution of the Estate, by the Care of Bishop *Morley* in the Year 1670, one *Poecock* (if I am not misinformed) officiated for a little while. But the late Incumbent, the Reverend Mr. *John James*, was in possession in the Beginning of the Year 1673, who had never (as I can find) any Nomination or Grant of it from the Crown, but held it by such Title as the Corporation of the Town of *Basing-stoke* could give him to it. *Vid. APPEN. Num. IV.* But knowing himself liable to be dispossessed, Things were suffered to run strangely to ruin.

SINCE the Accession of his present Majesty to the Throne, a Petition was presented to his Majesty in Council, wherein the Petitioners pray'd to be made Trustees and Patrons of *Holy Ghost Chapel*, and the School therein kept: But as no new Charter or Grant was at that Time made, Things remain still upon the same Footing, as they did by Virtue of the Letters Patents granted in the third and fourth Year of King *Philip and Queen Mary*,

APPENDIX.

NUMB. I.

*Pro Aldermanno & Gardianis Fraternitatis
Sancti Spiritus juxta Basingstoke, de Cor-
poratione. Secunda Pars Paten' de annis
regnorum Philippi Regis & Reginæ
Mariæ tertio & quarto.*

REX & Reginæ omnibus ad quos, &c. salu-
tem. Cum, ad Laudem & Honorem Sancti
Spiritus, quædam Fraternitas sive Gilda, vo-
rata Fraternitas Sancti Spiritus infra Capellam, quæ
juxta Villam nostram de Basingstoke in Comitatu
nostro Southantonensi existit, per venerabilem in
Christo Patrem Richardum quondam Winton' E-
piscopum, ac Willielmum Sandes Militem, Domi-
num de Sandes, Consiliarios præclarissimi Patris
Nostrum præfatæ Reginæ Henrici octavi nuper
Regis Angliæ (Licentia ejusdem Patris nostrum
Prefatæ Reginæ ad id prius obtentâ) quondam
erecta, stabilita & fundata fuit: Cujus-quidem
Fraternitatis sive Gildæ reventionibus, quidam Pres-
byter inventus & supportatus fuerit, tam pro divina-
rum Celebratione infra eandem Capellam, quam pro
Educatione & Instruktione Juvenum & Puerorum in
Literis infra Villam prædictam, prout ex fide dignis
accepimus. Quæquidem Gilda sive Fraternitas, jam
nuperrime, per Hæreticorum Schisma, rebus Ecclesi-
sticis undique collabentibus, simul collapsa est & ever-
sa; priusquam Nos ad Regale hujus Regni Diadema
& Gubernacula suscepimus. Et cum dilecti subditi
nostræ, Inhabitantes dictæ Villaæ nostræ de Basingstoke,
nobis humiliter supplicaverunt, ut Nos Fraternità-
tem sive Gildam prædictam restaurare & ad pristinum
statum reducere velimus. Ac Nos prædicti Rex & Re-
gina;

gina, prædicatorum subditorum nostrorum piis ac justis Petitionibus annuentes, ac considerantes, quod Capella prædicta ac Cœmeterium ejusdem sunt loci, quibus Corpora Inhabitantium Ville prædictæ nonnunquam sepeliuntur, ad Requisitionem Reverendissimi in Christo Patris Reginaldi Poli Legati de Latere & Archibiscopi Cantuar⁹, Fraternitatem five Gildam, ad Laudem & Honorem Sancti Spiritus, infra Capellam prædictam, creari, erigi, fundari & stabili decrevimus, prout per præsentes decrevimus.

SCIATIS igitur, quod Nos de Gratia nostrâ speciali, ac ex certâ Scientia & Mero Motu nostris, volumus, concedimus & ordinamus, pro Nobis ac Hæredibus & Successoribus nostrum præfatæ Reginæ, quod de cetero sit, & erit, infra Capellam prædictam, quedam Fraternitas five Gilda perpetua ad Laudem & Honorem dicti Sancti Spiritus, que vocabitur Fraternitas Sancti Spiritus in Capella ejusdem juxta Villam de Basingstoke in Comitatu Southantonensi perpetuis temporibus futura, duraturaque; ac Fraternitatem five Gildam prædictam, pro perpetuo continuaturam, erigimus, creamus, ordinamus & fundamus per præsentes. Et ut intentio nostra prædicta meliorem capiat effectum; volumus, concedimus, & ordinamus, pro Nobis ac Hæredibus & Successoribus nostram præfatæ Reginæ, quod Fratres Fraternitatis five Gilde illius, infra Villam prædictam de tempore in tempus commorantes, & in futuro commoraturi, eligant & eligere possint, quolibet anno, imperpetuum unum Aldermannum & duos Gardianos, de seipsis, vel altis Fratribus dictæ Fraternitatis five Gilde, ad gubernandam & supervidendum eandem Fraternitatem five Gildam, necnon ad habendum Regimen & Custodiam Terrarum, Tenementorum & Hereditamentorum subscriptorum & inferius specificatorum, ac omnium aliorum Terrarum, Tenementorum, Reddituum, Possessionum, Bonorum, & Catalogorum, quæ exnunc dictæ Frater-

Fraternitati sive Gildæ perquiri, dari, legari, concedi vel assignari contigerint; ac ipsos Aldermannum & Gardianos, seu eorum aliquem, de tempore in tempus (prout indiquerint, seu expediens fuerit) amovere, expellere & exonerare, & alios Aldermannum & Gardianos vel Gardianum, eorum ejusve Nomine sive Nominibus & loco, quotiens & quando sibi placuerit, panere, substituere & subrogare possint & valeant. Quodque etiam dicti Aldermannus & Gardiani, ac Fratres & Sorores Fraternitatis sive Gildæ prædictæ, sint unum Corpus corporatum in Re & Nomine; habentque Successionem perpetuam; necnon quoddam Sigillum commune, pro Negotiis & aliis agendis ejusdem Fraternitatis sive Gildæ, babere & exercere valeant imperpetuum. Et quod dicti Aldermannus & Gardiani, pro tempore existentes, bujusmodi Personas, quæ de Fraternitate sive Gildâ illâ esse voluerint, in Fratres & Sorores ejusdem Fraternitatis sive Gildæ admittere & acceptare possint & valeant, & ideo sciatis, quod Nos assignavimus, elegimus, constituimus & declaravimus, ac per præsentes assignamus, elegimus, nominamus, constituimus & declaramus dilectum Nobis Johannem Runnagar seniorem, Inabitantem dictæ Villæ de Basingtoke, fore & esse primum & modernum Aldermannum Fraternitatis sive Gildæ prædictæ, ad idem Officium bene & fideliter exercendum pro uno anno integro, si tam diu vixerit; ac etiam assignavimus, elegimus, nominavimus, constituimus & declaravimus, ac per præsentes assignamus, elegimus, nominamus, constituimus & declaramus dilectos Nobis, Richardum Hall & Rogerum Reve, Inhabitantes Villæ prædictæ, fore & esse primos & modernos Gardianos Fraternitatis sive Gilde prædictæ, ad idem Officium bene & fideliter exercendum, à dicto præsentium, pro uno anno integro, si tam diu vixerint, sive eorum alter tam diu vixerit. Et ulterius, de ube-riori Gratia nostrâ, volumus & concedimus, pro No-bis ac Hæredibus & Successoribus Nostrum præfatae

Regine, quod iidem Aldermannus & Gardiani ac Fratres & Sorores Fraternitatis [sive] Gildæ prædictæ de cætero sint & erunt unum [Corpus] corporatum & politicum in re, facto, & nomine, imperpetuum, per nomen Aldermannii & Gardianorum ac Fratrum & Sororum Fraternitatis sive Gildæ Sancti Spiritus in Capella ejusdem juxta Villam de Basingstoke in Comitatu Southampton', incorporatum & erectum. Ac ipsum Johannem Runnynger Aldermannum & ipsos Richardum Hall & Rogerum Reve Gardianos dictæ Fraternitatis sive Gilde Sancti Spiritus in Capella ejusdem juxta Villam de Basingstoke in Comitatu Southampton', ac Fratres & Sorores ejusdem Fraternitatis incorporamus, ac Corpus Corporatum & Politicum per idem nomen duraturum & ad plenum creamus, erigimus, ordinamus, facimus & declarerimus per præsentes. Et volumus, ac per præsentes concedimus, quod iidem Aldermannus & Gardiani Fraternitatis prædictæ, pro tempore existentes, sint Personæ bables & in Lege capaces ad babendum & recipiendum de Nobis Mesuagia, Terras, Tenementa & Hæreditamenta subscripta & specificata, ac alia, Terras, Tenementa & alias Possessiones quascunque ad Usum dictæ Fraternitatis sive Gildæ: Quodque iidem Aldermannus & Gardiani Fraternitatis sive Gildæ, pro tempore existentes, pro dictâ Fraternitate sive Gildâ, ac pro Terris, Tenementis, Redditibus, Possessionibus, Bonis & Catallis ac Juribus Fraternitatis sive Gildæ illius, in quibuscunque Actionibus, Causis, Demandis, Querelis & Placitis, cujuscunque generis fuerint sive naturæ, per nomen Aldermannii & Gardianorum Fraternitatis Sancti Spiritus in Capella ejusdem juxta Villam de Basingstoke in Comitatu Southamptonensi, in quibuscunque Curiis, coram quibuscunque Judicibus sive Justitiariis spiritualibus vel secularibus, placitare & implacitari, ac respondere & responderi, defendere & defendi possint & valeant, eodem modo, quo cæteri Ligii nostri, Personæ bables & capaces in Lege, placitare

placitare & implacitari, respondere & responderi, ac defendere & defendi potuerint. Quodquo iidem Aldermannus & Gardiani, ac Fratres ejusdem Fraternitatis sive Gildæ, infra Villam prædictam de tempore in tempus imperpetuum commorantes, & alii Fratres, si interesse voluerint, ad dies, loca & tempora congrua & opportuna, quotiens & quando eis placuerit, infra dictam Villam, ad tractandum, communicandum & concordandum inter seipso, unde cum aliis, si voluerint, pro consilio & avisamento boni Status, Gubernationis & sani Regiminis Fraternitatis sive Gildæ prædictæ, necnon Fratrum & Sororum ejusdem & Successorum suorum convenire, atque Ordinationes & Statuta quæcunque, juxta eorundem Aldermani, Gardianorum & Fratrum Discretiones, facere, statuere & ordinare possint & valeant; dummodo eadem Ordinationes & Statuta non sint repugnantia nec contraria Statutis sive Legibus nostris Angliae.

ET ulterius volumus & concedimus quod Aldermannus & Gardiani Fraternitatis sive Gildæ prædictæ, pro tempore existentes, habeant, imperpetuum, plenariam Autoritatem & Potestatem admittendi & acceptandi quoscunque Homines & quascunque Feminas, qui & quæ de Fraternitate sive Gildâ illâ esse voluerint, in Fratres & Sorores ejusdem Fraternitatis sive Gildæ, absque Impetitione, molestatione, calumniâ seu impedimento Nostri, Hæredum vel Successorum nostrorum, aut aliquorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum, Hæredum vel Successorum nostrorum, quorumcunque, aliquo Statuto, Aetu, Ordinatione, Provisione seu Restrictione, inde in contrarium factis, editis, ordinatis sive provisis, aut aliquâ aliâ Re, Causâ vel Materiâ quâcunque, in aliquo, non obstante.

ET ulterius sciatis, quod nos, Intentionem & Propositum nostrum in hac Parte deducere volentes, de ampliori Gratia nostrâ, ac ex certâ Scientiâ & mero motu

motu nostris, dedimus & conceffamus, ac per praefates, pro Nobis ac Hereditibus & Successoribus Nostrum præfata Regina, concedimus, præfatis Aldermanno & Gardianis, Totum illud Mesuagium sive Tenementum Nostrum ac Firmam nostram vocatum Heynles, alias dictam The Hollie Golle Ferme, ac unum Curtilagium nostrum eidem Mesuagio pertinens, cum eorum pertinentiis, scituat' jacen' & exister' in Wlete-Hstrete in Basingstoke in dicto Comitatu nostro Southanton', modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione Willielmi Goodyer, ac dictæ nuper Fraternitati, vocatae The Brotherhed of the Hollie Golle, infra Villam de Basingstoke in dicto Comitatu Southanton', dudum spectan' & pertinen' ac Parcellam possessionum inde exister': Ac etiam totum illud Molendinum Equinum nostrum ac unum Curtilagium nostrum eidem pertinens, cum pertinentiis, scituat' jacen' & exister' in predicto vico de Wlete-Hstrete in Basingstoke prædictâ, modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione dicti Willielmi Goodyer, ac dictæ nuper Fraternitati spectan' & pertinen': Necnon totum illud Mesuagium sive Tenementum nostrum vocatum Harryards, ac unum Gardinum sive Curtilagium nostrum, cum pertinentiis, modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione Willielmi Hannyngton, scituat' jacen' & exister' in Basingstoke Hstrete in Basingstoke prædictâ, ac dictæ nuper Fraternitati dudum spectan' & pertinen': Ac etiam omnes illas tres Acras Terræ Arrabilis nostras, cum pertinentiis, jacentes in communi Campo de Basingstoke vocato Sporthield, modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupations Johannis Butler, ac dictæ nuper Fraternitati dudum spectantes & pertinentes: Ac etiam unum Mesuagium sive Tenementum nostrum vocatum Spicers, ac unum Gardinum nostrum, cum pertinentiis, jacen' in vico vocato The Hollie Golle Hstrete alias dicto White-waye in Villâ de Basingstoke prædictâ, modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione Simonis White, ac dictæ nuper Fraternitati dudum

dudum spetton' & pertinen': Necnon totum illud
 Horreum nostrum vocatum The Hollie Geste Barnie
 in Basingstoke prædicta, ac centam Aeras Terræ
 Arrabilis nostras jacentes in communibus Campis dictæ
 Villa de Basingstoke, ar unum parvum Claustrum
 Terræ & Pasturæ nostrum continens per extensio-
 nem duas Aeras in Basingstoke prædicta, cum eorum
 pertinentiis universis, modo vel nuper in tenurâ free
 occupatione Richardi Marsam, ac dictæ nuper Frat-
 ternitati dudum spetton' & pertinen' ac Revercionem
 & Reveriones quascunque omnium & singulorum
 præmissorum superiorius per præsentes concessorum, &
 cujuslibet inde Parcellæ; necnon Reddetus & annualis
 proficia quæcunque reservata super quibuscunque de-
 missiōnib⁹ & concessionib⁹, de eisdem præmissis, seu
 de aliquā inde Parcellā quoquo modo factis; adeo
 plenè liberè & integrè, ac in tam amplis modo & for-
 mā prout ea omnia præmissa, ad manus prædictissimi
 Fratris Nostrum præfatae Regine Edwardi. Sexti
 nuper Regis Angliae, Ratione vel Prætextu cuius-
 dam Aëtus Parlamenti in Anno Regni sui primo edi-
 ti & provisi, seu quocunque alio legali modo, jure
 seu titulo, devenerint seu devovere debuerunt; ac in
 manibus nostris jam existunt, seu emisse debent, vel
 deberent: Habend' teneand' & gaudend' prædicta
 Mesuagia, Motendin', Terras, Tenementa & cetera
 omnia Præmissa, cum eorum pertinentiis universis,
 præfatis Aldermanno & Gardianis dictæ Fraterni-
 tatis sive Gildæ Sancti Spiritus in Capella ejusdem
 juxta Villam de Basingstoke in Comitatu Southan-
 ton' & Successoribus, eā Intentione quod, cum Re-
 ventionibus eorundem Mesuagiorum, Terrarum &
 Possessionum & ceterorum Præmissorum, Alderman-
 nos & Gardiani dictæ Fraternitatis, pro tempore
 existentes, imperpetuum invenient unum idoneum Pres-
 byterum, tam pro Divinarum celebratione in Capella
 prædicta, quam pro instructione & institutione Juve-
 num & Puerorūm Villæ prædictæ: Tenend' de Nobis
 ac

at de Hæredibus & Successoribus Nostrum præfatæ Reginæ, in liberam puram & perpetuam Eleemosynam, pro omnibus Redditibus, Servitiis & Demandis quibuscumque, proinde Nobis, Hæredibus vel Successoribus Nostrum præfatæ Reginæ, quoquo modo, reddendis, solvendis vel faciendis.

ET ulterius, de ampliori Gratiâ nostrâ, dedimus & concessimus, ac per præsentes datus & concedimus, præfatis Aldermanno & Gardianis, omnia, exitus, redditus, reventiones & proficia omnium & singulorum Præmissorum, cum pertinentiis, à Feste Sancti Michaelis Archangeli ultimo præterito, bucusque prævenientia sive crescentia: Habend' eisdem Aldermanno & Gardianis ex dono nostro, absque compositione, seu aliquo alio, proinde Nobis, Hæredibus & Successoribus Nostrum præfatæ Reginæ, quoquomodo, reddendo, solvendo vel faciendo.

PROVISO semper quod omnes Reventiones & Possessiones prædictæ Fraternalitatis sive Gildæ non expontantur nec expendantur ad aliquos alias Usus seu Intentiones, sed ad inveniendum Presbyterum modo & formâ supradictis.

VOLUMUS etiam, & per præsentes concedimus præfatis Aldermanno & Gardianis, quod babeant, & babebunt bas Literas nostras Patentes, sub Magno Sigillo nostro Angliæ, debito modo factas & sigillatas, absque Fine seu Feodo magno vel parvo nobis, in Hanaperio nostro, seu alibi ad usum nostrum, proinde quoquomodo, reddendo, solvendo seu faciendo: Eo quod expressa mentio, &c.

In cuius rei, &c.

Tess' R. & R. apud Westm' xxiv^o Die Februario.

Agrees with the Record, and is examined by me

HENRY ROOKE,
Clerk of the Chapel of the Rolls.

N U M B :

NUMB. II.

*An Inscription in Holy Ghost Chapel
at Basingstoke, on the Western
Wall.*

Añ. Dom̄. 1670, Georgio
 Edwardo Oppidi Praefecto,
 Reverendiss. D. D. Georg. Morlaeus Winton
 Ep̄. Liberalium Artium Egreg. Factor, hac
 Scholā reclusā per multos annos, tandem apertā,
 alienatisque diu Redditibus, pie restitutis, sibi
 aeternam meritus est de posteritate Laudem.

NUMB. III.

An Extract of the Will of Sir James Deane, Knight, dated the 19th of August, Anno Domini 1607.

— **I** Willing to mind, that many Times heretofore the Town of *Basingstoke* hath been, and at this Time is, destitute of some good and godly Preacher, to teach and instruct the People there in the Principles of Religion, and to lead their Lives according to the Laws and Commandments of Almighty God. And also rememb'reng, that the Pension and Allowance that is given and allow'd to the School-Master that teacheth the Grammar-School in the *Holy Ghost Chapel* in *Basingstoke*, is too small to maintain a good School-Master there. Therefore, to the Intent and Purpose, that after my Decease for ever, a good and learned Preacher, and a Graduate in Divinity of one of the two Universities of *Cambridge* or *Oxford*, may there from Time to Time be had, and maintained for the Preaching of God's holy Word in the said Town of *Basingstoke*: And also that some good and learned Man, being a good Scholar, and a learned Grammariān, may be there also the better maintain'd to teach and instruct the Children and Youth of the said Town of *Basingstoke*, in their Grammar Rules, and other good Learning, I do give and bequeath to Sir *Henry Wallopp*, Knt. Sir *Francis Palmes*, Knt. Sir *Richard Pawlett*, Knt. *Edward Savage*, Esq; *Henry Deane*, Gent. *William Moore*, Clothier; *William Herne*, Dyer; *William Parches*, Dyer; *John Hall*, Clothier; *William Blunden*, Clothier; and

and *Richard Spier*, Clothier; and to their Heirs for ever, one Annuity or yearly Rent of one and twenty Pounds of lawful Money of *England*, which I will shall be issuing and going out of my Manour or Farme of *Ash*, with the Appurtenances, and to them or some of them, or their Assigns, yearly paid, in the Town-House of *Basingstoke*, commonly called the *Motte-Hall*, at two Feasts, or Terms of the Year, (*viz.*) at the Feast of the Birth of our Lord God; and the Nativity of Saint *John Baptist*, or within tweenty Days next after either of the said Feasts, by even Portions: The first Payment thereof to be had, and made at such of the said Feasts, as shall first and next come and happen after my Decease; or within twenty Days then next ensuing; upon special Trust and Confidence, that the said Sir *Henry Wallop*, Sir *Francis Palmes*, Sir *Richard Powlett*, *Edward Savage*, and other the Parties, to whom I have given and bequeathed the said Annuity of twenty and one Pounds, shall and will every Year, yearly for ever truly pay, or cause to be paid, at the said *Motte-Hall*, to such Person and Persons, that, for the Time being, shall be appointed Preachers and School-Master in the said Town of *Basingstoke*, by the Appointment, Assignment, or Nomination of such Person and Persons, as is hereafter limited, twenty Pounds of the said yearly Annuity or Sum of twenty and one Pounds; that is to say, to the Preacher ten Pounds thereof, and to the said School-Master other ten Pounds thereof, at the two Feasts, or Terms of the Year before limited for the Payment of the said Annuity, —or within twenty Days next after every of the same Feasts; the first Payment thereof to be had and made at such of the said Feasts as shall first and next happen after there shall be placed a Preacher and Schoolmaster in the said Town of *Basingstoke*, chosen, nominated, ap-

pointed, placed, or allowed of by such Person and Persons, as I do herein nominate and appoint, &c.
[The other Sum of twenty Shillings, Residue of this Annuity, is directed to be laid out in repairing a Causey in Basingstoke, between the Angel and the Church Gate, by the Appointment of the Bailiff of the Town for the Time being.]

And I will that — Sir James Lancaster, my Cousin, shall have the sole Nomination and placing of the said Preacher and Schoolmaster there to be placed from Time to Time, during his natural Life, and after his Decease, that then my said Feoffees before-named, and such other as hereafter they shall estate in the said Annuities hereby to them given, shall have the full and sole placing, nominating and appointing of the said Preacher and Schoolmaster there respectively for ever. —

And whensoever the Persons aforesaid, to whom I have bequeathed any of the said several Annuities — shall so decease and leave this Life, that there shall not be above the Number of three of them living, to whom I have given any of the said several Annuities; then I Will and my Desire is, that the Survivors of them shall, by some sufficient Means in Law, convey and assisse over to some other honest and discreet Persons of the several Hundreds and Parishes aforesaid respectively the said several Annuities, or yearly Rents, to hold to them and their Heirs, upon like Trust and Confidence, as I have above expressed, and to be convey'd from Feoffees to Feoffees for ever, to perform and fulfil the good Uses above expressed.

Sir James Deane, Knt. gave several other Annuities, beside this of 21*l.* to the same Persons, in trust

for Charitable Uses; but they have neglected to appoint their Successours, as the Will directs; yet the Annuities

Annuities are still paid by the Proprietors of the Estate, out of which they are payable.

As Sir James Deane, was the Founder of the Lecture at *Basingstoke*, he had, without doubt, Power to appoint the Persons who should chuse the Lecturer or Preacher; but surely he had no Right to give away by his Will the Patronage of *Holy Ghost Chapel* and School, because he was a Benefactor

to it.

Sir James Lancaster has again, by his Will, *Anno 1618*, pretended to dispose of the Right of Nomination, upon no more valuable Consideration, than that the Bailiffs and Burgeses of *Basingstoke* may pay the Master forty Shillings; or four Pounds a Year, if they in their good Discretion shall think fit; or, if they please, nothing.

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NUMB. IV.

An Extract of the Will of Sir James Lancaster, Knight, dated April 18, 1618. Proved June 1618.

SIR James Lancaster having granted and secured to Sir William Cockaine, and others, certain Estates at Maidewell in Lincolnshire, and at Pamber, Hants, &c. in Trust, to the Intent, that the Rents, Issues and Profits, immediately upon the Receipt thereof, should be paid into the Hands of the Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Skinners, London, to be by them distributed and bestow'd according to the Direction of his Will, does in his Will devise and declare as follows:

“ *Imprimis*, I will, devise, appoint and declare, “ that the Master, Wardens and Commonalty of “ the Mystery of Skinners, and their Successors, “ Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the said “ Society, for the Time being, shall yearly, and “ every Year, for ever, pay unto the Church- “ Wardens and Lecturer of the Bailiffs of the “ Town and Parish of Basingstoke in the County “ of Southampton (where I was born) and to their “ Successors, out of the said Rents, Issues, and Pro- “ fits of the said Mannour, Lands and Premisses, “ one yearly Payment, or Sum of one Hundred “ and three Pounds, six Shillings and eight Pence; “ of lawful Money of England, to be by them “ the said Church-Wardens, Lecturer and Bailiffs “ paid and distributed in Manner and Form fol- “ lowing;

" lowing (that is to say) thirty Pounds, Part
 " thereof, in every Year yearly, at the End of
 " every several Week in the Year for ever,
 " by equal Portions, unto and amongst such
 " poor People of the Town of *Basingstoke* afore-
 " said, as they in their Discretion shall think to
 " have most need of Relief, being People of ho-
 " nest Report, and such as shall frequent to hear
 " the Lecture at *Basingstoke* aforesaid, at such
 " Time as the same shall be preached. And forty
 " Pounds more thereof to be paid yearly and eve-
 " ry Year (together with one yearly Sum of ten
 " Pounds, lately given to that Intent by my Cou-
 " sin *Sir James Deane*, Knight, deceased) for and
 " towards the Maintenance of an honest, suffi-
 " cient and learned Preacher within the Town of
 " *Basingstoke* aforesaid, so long as such Parson
 " shall be, from Time to Time, the Preacher
 " there chosen and allowed by *Sir Henry Wallop*,
 " Knt. during his Life, and after his Decease, by
 " the said Bailiffs and Burgesses of *Basingstoke*, or
 " by whatsoever other Name the Corporation in
 " that Town be called. And also one yearly
 " Payment of twenty Pounds towards the Main-
 " tenance of the Free-School in *Basingstoke* afore-
 " said for ever, so long as the School-Master and
 " Usher there be, from Time to Time, chosen
 " and allowed by the said Bailiffs and Burgesses,
 " or by what other Name the Corporation of that
 " Town is call'd; and if any other shall be
 " there Preacher, or School-Master not chosen
 " and allowed by the said *Sir Henry Wallop*, or by
 " the Bailiffs and Burgesses, or the greater Part
 " thereof; then the said Master, Wardens and
 " Commonalty of the said Mystery of Skinners
 " shall have the said yearly Payment, to be em-
 " ploy'd by them in Works of Charity, accord-
 " ing

" to their Discretion; and out of the said Sum of
 " twenty Pounds, there shall be yearly paid unto
 " the Usher of the said School, for the Time
 " being, the Sum of sixteen Pounds, of lawful
 " Money of *England*; and the other four Pounds
 " thereof shall be yearly paid either to the Ma-
 " ster, or Usher of the Free-School, or both of
 " them, in the good Discretion of the said Ba-
 " liffs and Burgeesses, for the Time being. And
 " thirteen Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence
 " more thereof, for the Maintenance of a Petty
 " School-Master, to be chosen and allow'd as a-
 " foresaid, in *Basingstoke* aforesaid, who shall
 " teach little Children to write and read, but
 " especially to read and learn the Catechism of the
 " Principles in Religion; and I will and appoint,
 " that the Lecturer or Preacher of the Town of
 " *Basingstoke*, for the Time being, shall once in
 " in every Week come to the School, where the
 " said Children shall be taught, and there appose
 " some of them to see how they shall profit there-
 " in; and I will that the Scholars, both of the
 " said Free-School, and of the petty School,
 " be present at every Lecture, which shall be
 " preached at *Basingstoke* aforesaid, whereby they
 " may be the better instructed.

" And I do further will, devise, and appoint,
 " and declare, that the said Master, Wardens
 " and Commonalty of the said Mystery of *Skin-
 " ners* shall, out of the rest of the Rents, Issues
 " and Profits of the Mannours, Lands, Tene-
 " ments and Premises aforesaid, yearly, and
 " every Year for ever, pay unto such three poor
 " Scholars which study Divinity in the Universities
 " of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, or such of them as
 " the said Master and Wardens for the Time
 " being shall think good, to such poor Scholars

" (a)

“ (as they in their Discretion shall think to be
“ most worthy of the same, and as they shall
“ think best to prefer thereunto) the Sum of for-
“ ty and five Pounds of lawful Money of *Eng-*
“ *land* (that is to say) to each of the said three
“ poor Scholars, fifteen Pounds apiece per *An-*
“ *num*; and that as any of the said three Scho-
“ lars shall be preferred to better Means of Liv-
“ ing, or shall depart from the University, the
“ said Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the
“ said Mystery, shall place and prefer such other
“ Scholars studying Divinity to the Pensions a-
“ foresaid, as they shall think fitting in their good
“ Directions.

— — — “ And for the Oyerplus of my Estate remaining, that is yet ungiven, my Funeral Charges, and other Charges deducted, — I mean (if God give me Time) to give Order for that under my Hand. But, if it please God, I be so suddenly taken, or that I give no other Order for that; I will, that this Course, herein taken, shall stand, and be of effect, as hereafter followeth: First, my Meaning and Will is, that my Executors, Mr. Joseph Jackson, and Mr. Leonard Parker, do make a Purchase either of Lands, or Houses in London, to the Value of thirty or forty Pounds a Year, and the same to be [made] over to the Corporation of Skinners, for the Use of these Things; viz: First for fifteen Pounds a Year, for ever, to be given to the Poor of Basingstoke, to make up the thirty Pounds aforesaid, the Sum of forty and five Pounds. And also, in as much as I have formerly given the Sum of forty and five Pounds a Year, for ever, towards the Maintenance of three poor Scholars, to be preferr'd

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" by the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of
 " the Mystery of *Skinner*s, I will, that there
 " be given fifteen Pounds a Year, for ever, to be
 " added to the other forty and five Pounds, to-
 " wards the making up of the Number of four
 " poor Scholars, to be by them maintained.

The Bayliffs and Burgeffes of the Town of *Basingstoke* were, by Letters Patents, *Anno 17° Car.* made a Body Corporate by the Name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgeffes of the Town of *Basingstoke* in the County of *Southampton*, which Name the Corporation of that Town now bears. As there was no Ushership endowed, before Sir *James Lancaster* gave an Annuity for that Pur-

pose the Corporation of *Basingstoke* may have a Right to appoint the Usher of the School. But the Crown has asserted its Right to the Patronage of *Holy Ghost Chapel* by presenting Mr. *Webb*, *Anno 15° Car. viz. 1639*. There is no mention made of *Holy Ghost Chapel* in the Charter of the Corporation of *Basingstoke* granted two Years after this (*i. e.*) *Anno 17° Car.*

Other Benefactions to Holy Ghost Chapel and School.

Given Anno 1666,	l.	s.	d.
By Mr. Robert Holloway, per Ann.	00	10	00
By John Hall, Gent. 1632. per Annum,	} 00	10	00
By Mr. John Green, per Annum,	00	10	00
Ditto, to Repair the Chapel, per Annum,	} 00	10	00

Mr. Wigg likewise gave a Legacy of one Hundred Pounds, but Part of the Money is lost.

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